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Many enterprises must make use of idle equipment. The knitted-goods industry is particularly lax about this. MT machines in union and republic enterprises are idle on an average of 25 percent of working time and automatic stocking-knitting machines have not been operating an average of 13-15 percent of working time. More attention should be given to repair and maintenance of equipment so that it may operate full time.

Adoption of innovations and inventions must be stressed. Extremely encouraging data concerning the number of suggestions which had been adopted was presented at the All-Union Conference of Innovators and Inventors held at the end of November 1947. In 8 months of 1947, 25,000 proposals were put into practice, exceeding the number adopted in the year just prior to the war by more than 1 1/2 times. This was, however, 6,000 fewer than the number of proposals which were introduced, but not adopted.

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